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APPLICANTS: Acklin et al.

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FILED OF MEDICINE"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,902,997

AB United States Patent No. 5,875,205

AC United States Patent No. 5,764,675

AD United States Patent No. 5,689,521

AE United States Patent No. 5,446,750

AF United States Patent No. 5,327,443

AG United States Patent No. 4,803,689

AL German OS 198 33 045

AM German OS 197 06 279

AN German OS 197 06 276

AO German OS 196 05 726

AP German OS 44 10 888

AQ PCT Application WO 91/02392

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### **EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

Each of the above references was identified and discussed in the present specification, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of those references. Translations of the non-English references are not readily available to the Applicants, however, the aforementioned statements in the specification concerning those respective references constitute summaries of their teachings.

Each of the above references also was cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the German application corresponding to the present United States application.

Reference AL corresponds to co-pending United States Application Serial No. 09/359,004, filed on July 22, 1999 (Apparatus for Conducting a Diaphanoscopic Examination of a Living Subject," Rost). That application is currently under examination in Group Art Unit 2876, and is assigned to the same Assignee, Siemens AG, as the present application. This co-pending application can be used as a translation of Reference AL, however, it is not represented to be a literal translation. Applicants assume the Examiner has access to this co-pending application, and therefore have not burdened the present file with a duplicate copy. If the Examiner would prefer that a copy be provided, the Examiner is requested to notify the undersigned counsel for the Applicants and a copy of this co-pending application will be submitted.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and

therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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